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SUBJECT: HUNGARIAN COMMENTARY ON CHINESE PARTY CONGRESS

1. WITHIN TWO-DAY PERIOD SEPTEMBER 1-2 HUNGARIAN PRESS RETURNED TO "CHINESE QUESTION" TAKING AS POINT OF DEPARTURE TENTH CONGRESS CHINESE COMMUNIST PARTY (CCP). PARTY DAILY NEPSZABADSAG CHARGED ON SEPT 1 THAT TENTH PARTY CONGRESS, HELD AMID "STRANGE, CONSPIRATORIAL CIRCUMSTANCES" EVIDENCE OF CONTINUING INTERNAL STRUGGLE IN CCP. CLAIMED "EXTREME ANTI-SOVIET ACCUSATIONS AND SLANDERS" ABOUTIN PARTY REPORT ILLUSTRATING "CONTRADICTIONS AND UNSOLVED PROBLEMS CHARACTERIZING TODAY'S LEADERSHIP IN PEKING AND THE WHOLE CHINESE SOCIETY."

2. IN SEPARATE ARTICLE SAME DAY, MTI CORRESPONDENT IN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PEKING (BARACS) ALLEGED THAT CCP REPORT FAILED TO MENTION

MEMBERS OF CENTRAL COMMITTEE, POLITBURO OR PARTY SECRETARIATS, WITH IMPLICATION THAT CHINESE DEVIATING FROM NORMAL COMMUNIST PRACTICES. MAGYAR NEMZET SEPT 2 CHARGED CCP LEADERSHIP WITH FANNING FEAR OF SOVIETS AMONG CHINESE PEOPLE AS JUSTIFICATION FOR INCREASING MILITARY POTENTIAL.

3. AS NOTED IN BUDAPEST'S A-4 (JUNE 6, 1973) CRITICISM OF PRC FOREIGN POLICY HAS BEEN A RECURRING PHENOMENON IN HUNGARIAN PRESS FOR SEVERAL MONTHS. IN CONTRAST, HUNGARIANS HAVE NOW SEIZED OPPORTUNITY PROVIDED BY TENTH CCP CONGRESS TO SHIFT ATTACK TO INTERNAL POLICY. WE HAVE IMPRESSION FROM OUR CONTACTS WITH HUNGARIAN PRESS THAT PRC IS SUBJECT OF CONTINUING DETAILED ATTENTION. HAVING RAKED PRC FOREIGN POLICY OVER COALS THESE PAST MONTHS ABOVE ARTICLES MAY SIGNAL THAT, IF HSWP HAS DECIDED TO STEP UP ANTI-CHINESE PRESS CAMPAIGN, ATTENTION WILL NOW BE DEVOTED MORE TO ATTACKS AGAINST PRC INTERNAL POLICIES.
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